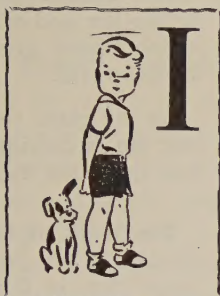


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Nobody Asked Me

By E. Bjorge



I'M JUST THE KID from down the block. My folks, they ain't much count, I guess. Least, they don't care when us kids come or go. Ma, she takes in washings. Pa don't do much but lay around and send Jim or me down to the corner for a can of beer when he gets thirsty. And when he gets loaded, we all scam.

I wonder how't would be to have folks that cared. Nobody cares 'bout me, 'less it's you, Tige. My teacher, she's pretty and treats everybody nice. But she says she don't like boys with dirty fingernails and necks that don't get washed. I guess I must be one, 'cause she don't touch me if she can help, and when she smiles at me, it's sort of quick, like she did it 'cause she wouldn't not smile.

Other day, she asked some of the boys to stay after school. She smiled so us kids knew it wasn't no punishment. But she didn't ask me. I hung 'round, though, and after awhile they came out jabbering sixty per. Teacher goes to that big stone church down town on Sundays. Some of the girls in our room are in her Sunday school class. So there's a man she knows, a white guy that leads a Scout troop, and he's going to take the same class as hers, only boys. And so Miss Marron told the boys she thought would want to go to come down to church Sunday. They all went this morning.

I got up early and walked sorta slow down past the street where Teacher lives. It was quiet and still, like somebody said "Hush!" I could hear Teacher singing upstairs when I walked past her house. I could hear some of the words. "Bless this day the Lord hath made!" It made me feel funny inside. When Teacher says "Lord" she sorta stops and then it rings out like a bell. A big car came whizzing up and stopped by her gate. And this tall, smiling man got out and called, "Alice!" My teacher stuck her head out the window and said, "Oh, Hugh, isn't this a glorious Sabbath morning!" The way she says it makes me think of the woods when sunlight breaks through leaves and a little bunny looks at you from behind a bush. Like you was king over a big country, or something.

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News and Notes

NOTES FROM THE SECOND WORLD ASSEMBLY WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

The newspapers of the land have carried much news about the Second World Assembly being held at Evanston, Ill. We have studied many of the papers here at Chicago and Evanston, and we believe that the reports have generally been true and fair. The Ansgar Lutheran is not able to devote too much space to the event. But since we are attending the Assembly as part of our vacation, we shall leave out news items till next time and just devote this page to some impressions from Evanston.

A Great Welcome. When we came to the station at Evanston, we were met by the Boy Scouts who carried our suitcases to the taxis. But here was another surprise, the taxis were ordinary citizens from Evanston, mostly housewives, who took us to our hotel free of charge. The Whole North Shore Community has joined with the Northwestern University, the official host, to make us welcome.

The organization of the Assembly seems to be perfect. It is a tremendous job to receive some 600 delegates, some 1200 consultants and accredited visitors, some 1000 news men and editors, and thousands of other visitors and make things go smoothly. But everything is right at one's hand. The addresses are handed to us before they are delivered in the language, English, German, and French, we wish to have them. As a matter of fact the press men get them in special boxes hours before.

The plenary sessions are held in the large McGaw Hall. Right below the platform 600 voting delegates are seated at tables. Behind them are the accredited visitors. Consultants and observers are seated to the sides. The Press also is seated to the side of the platform.

The Opening Service. Sunday morning August 15, the opening service was held at the First Methodist Church. It was a most colorful sight to see the long procession of churchmen in their

colorful vestments come into the church. High-churchmen and low-church. High-churchmen and Low-from the older churches of Europe and also from Ethiopia, and people from the younger churches, that is, from the churches that are the fruit of foreign mission work the last 150 years. The delegates from these younger churches came in a body and they made a great impression. If that had been only 100 years ago, very few people outside the Europeans and the Americans would have had any place in the procession. Now it is getting to be rather common to meet important churchmen that are not white like we are. This morning I sat next to a negro bishop of the Methodist Church. Some of the best lectures we have heard have been delivered by some of the natives from the younger churches.

Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam preached the opening sermon on the main theme emphasizing that "We intend to stay together."

It is obvious that we could not all get into the church, but we saw and heard the service over TV. We were some 50 news men in a little room. It was thrilling to hear the men from the secular papers join in the singing of the hymns and in saying the Lord's Prayer.

The Festival of Faith. The most thrilling and inspiring event as far as the general public is concerned was the Festival of Faith held Sunday night at Soldiers Field, a great stadium seating over 100,000 people. Already at 5 o'clock people began to come for the Festival at 8:00. A huge choir of over 2,000 voices sang special numbers. The audience sang some of the great hymns too. It was announced there were 125,000 people present. To sing "Faith of our Fathers" and say the Lord's Prayer with all these people was something you never forget. The main attraction that night was the three Biblical themes presented by a narrator and an action chorus of 160 beautifully costumed young people, mostly girls, who by their silent motions on the grass in the middle of the field acted out the events of the themes

as they were read by the narrator. The choir which had now been placed in different parts of the stadium with trumpeters, answered the narrator's responses.

The first Biblical theme set forth the creation of the world, and the creation of light and man. As the fall of man was told through the voice of the narrator and the interpretive movements of the action chorus, the congregation joined in the general confession of

The second and third themes presented God's prophecy about Christ and his coming as Savior. He came to make all things new, and we saw before us the church working for him.

The Festival ended with an action dedication and affirmation of the hope which Christ gives to the church and to the world.

As the choir responded, "He is coming, He is coming," a reverent silence was upon the huge audience.

The work of the Assembly has just started at this writing. We shall write about that in the next issue. But one thing impresses us: The general emphasis that the church must be a militant church bringing the gospel to all people, not just to nice people.

We meet people. No doubt the most interesting and often the most helpful experience is that of meeting people from the different lands. One day we have lunch with a man from New Zealand, the next day the man is from South America. Or we get to coffee with a bishop from India.

The delegates from Denmark are interesting people. Bishop H. Fuglsang Damgaard, The Rev. C. V. A. Rerortoff, The Rev. Johannes Langhøje, Dr. Regin Prenter and Bishop S. Hoffmeyer, who will make an extended trip in the United States and Canada.

One night we met with the whole delegation from the three Nordic countries.

Our own president, Dr. Hans C. Jespersen is here. Pastors Girtz, Siersbø, F. C. M. Hansen, E. R. Andersen and Dr. Nyholm, we have met on the campus.

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Editorials and Comments

Young Pastors, Become Chaplains!

We are constantly receiving literature pertaining to the great need of chaplains in all the services of the United States military forces. During the world war our synod had the highest number of chaplains in proportion to the other Lutheran bodies. But now we have sunk to a sad low in this respect. We have only one chaplain, the Rev. Gilbert Jensen, in the service. We believe that some of our young pastors and theological graduates would do well to apply for a commission. The young men of our nation need the chaplains. A chaplain has a great opportunity to serve Christ. We believe that a man with some years of experience as a chaplain will be able to serve much better in the ministry, so again we say, Young pastors, become chaplains!

Pastors' Salaries

A few years ago we often wrote about pastors' salaries. We have not written about this subject for some time, because we thought it was not necessary. But recently we talked to a district president who said that the subject is still a vital one.

It seems to us that we have some very faithful pastors. When we think of the large budget synod adopts from year to year, we marvel that it is paid. The pastors certainly have been the key men in getting this done.

The emphasis as far as the synodical administration is concerned is: Get the budget paid! That is the job of the synodical officers, but congregations and pastors must not be forgotten. We know that there are pastors who work unselfishly for the budget of synod, because they want to be in bold face type in our annual report. We have the small rural churches who pay their synodical budget or almost pay it, and the pastor "gets by" on the minimum salary.

We are not sure that this is right. We should try to pay the synodical budget, but the pastor certainly should not be underpaid.

We know of one congregation in the synod which has in its by-laws that the pastor's salary must be on the agenda at every annual meeting. We think this congregation has a good point. Every year the pastor's salary is brought up. It gives the pastor a chance to say if he is not satisfied, and it gives the congregation a chance to correct the situation. So keep this in mind, lay leaders, next time you meet in your annual congregational meetings.

The Synodical Budget

While we are writing about the pastors' salaries we may also write a word about the synodical budget. We do not believe we give too much to the kingdom of God, but the fact is that 1954 was the lowest year in the period as far as congregations are concerned. Even though we met the budget, 60 congregations out of the 144, about one-third of them, did not meet the budget.

This was the biggest number of congregations that did not pay their budget in full since 1948. We have not checked further back.

This year the budget is higher than before. The Districts will pass their home mission obligations to the synod. Now the Districts, in order to be fair to synod, must not try to raise the same as before. They will be tempted to do that. They will forget that synod asks for more, and they will be tempted to ask the same as they asked last year. The Districts are asked to give to Lutheran Welfare, Lutheran Students' Association, the Bible camps, etc. These causes are congregational causes, not District causes. The District budgets should just be big enough to take care of their administration.

If Districts continue to ask for the same budget less congregations will be able to pay their budget to synod.

As we study the trends in our synodical giving we have great cause to thank God, but we also have great cause to start thinking about the situation. If 120 congregations had not given more than their quota, the budget would not have been met. This year these congregations are asked to give more than the amount they gave above their quota last year. Will they give more than their quota, or will the 60 congregations give more than last year?

We believe that we have reached a point which deserves careful study.

Parish Education

This is the time when Sunday schools and Bible classes get into full swing. Therefore this issue is devoted to parish education. Mrs. K. M. Ludvigsen, editor of **The Little Lutheran**, has produced most of the issue.

The need for an informed and well instructed church is greater than ever. Our churches generally meet only Sunday mornings. Mid-week services are rare, Sunday evening services are also rare. How can we give our members the necessary instruction so that they may grow in grace.

We are happy that our Sunday schools are flourishing. We do believe that our adult Bible classes need to be built up.

We also think of our Luther Leagues. When we talk to pastors they say it is most difficult to keep the league going. We believe we need a study of our league work. The fact is that since 1941 and 1942 when our young men went into the army things have changed. At that time the members were often above 20. We had senior leagues and junior leagues. The juniors were teen-agers up to 16, and the seniors were from 16 to 25. Now we have only junior leagues, young people from 14-18. When they get to be 18 years old they drop out of the League, going to college or they get married.

We wish our pastors would write to us in the form of articles and letters about their league work. Thus we might help one another. We got an idea recently at Spencer, where we assigned an older leaguer to those recently confirmed as big brother or big sister to each of them. Their job is to befriend one and try to bring him

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This is Evangelism

The Sunday School and the Unbaptized Child

(The following is an excerpt from Dr. Gerberding's "The Way of Salvation in the Lutheran Church." Although written many years ago, it is still heartily to be recommended, and teachers are especially encouraged to read it.)

"We have thus far spoken only of the relation of the school to the baptized children of Christian parents. A Sunday school has, however, by no means fulfilled its mission by looking after those that are already lambs of the flock. A Sunday school, like a congregation, to be true to itself and its divine Master, must be a missionary institution. In every community there are lambs who have never been in the flock of the Good Shepherd, or have already wandered astray. There are children who have never been either baptized or instructed in heavenly things at home. Or, if baptized, they have been permitted to grow up afterwards as wild heathen children. Yes, even in the homes of members of our Church, there are children, whether baptized or not, who are thus growing up utterly neglected. If baptized, they don't even know it. Much less do they know the significance of their baptism.

"It is the mission of the Sunday school to gather in these destitute ones, from the street, and from their Christless homes. The Sunday school must become a spiritual home for them. The earnest teacher can and ought to find out who of his pupils belong to this class and apply to such the needed instruction and exhortation. In their case it is truly the object of the Sunday school to lead them to Jesus, to labor for their conversion, to Christianize them. This, as a matter of course, also applies to those even from Christian homes who were baptized, and perhaps also, to some extent, instructed in divine things, but who have gone astray and thus fallen from their baptismal covenant. All such who are not at present in covenant relationship with Christ, who are turned away from Christ, must be turned back, i.e., converted.

"Now, this difficult work, this great change, can be

accomplished only through the power of God's Word. **'The law of the Lord is perfect converting the soul.'** **'The Gospel of Christ is the power of God unto salvation.'** The words of Christ, **'They are spirit and they are life.'** sinners, whether young or old, are to be reclaimed by Christ, it must be through that Word which **'is quick, i.e., full of life, 'and powerful and sharper than any two edged sword.'** Let the Sunday school teacher depend on nothing else than this Word of God. It is always accompanied by the Spirit of God. It is the living seed of the new life. Let it be used prayerfully. Let it be taught carefully. Let it be taught clearly. Let it be impressed and applied to heart, and conscience, and life. Drive home personally and individually to the impenitent pupil. See him by himself, visit him in his home, teach him in his class. Cease not your prayers and your efforts to the Word so lodges and fastens itself in the mind and conscience that it makes him realize his own sinfulness and need of a Savior, and also that Savior's readiness to save. This is God's way of salvation. This is the Way of Salvation in the Lutheran Church. The Sunday school teacher who follows this way will win souls. The impenitent sinners of his class will be brought to repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; so one way they will be converted; while those who are already Christ's will **grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**"

Sunday School: An Experience

A child should experience the saving power, the forgiving power, the sustaining power of our Lord and Saviour. Sunday School is only a routine exercise and never becomes an experience, the lessons taught may never become a vital part of his life.

Teachers:—

Do you give the child experiences in worship?

Does your worship service and your teaching create an attitude of worship, respect and reverence in the heart of the child?

Have you shown him that God can be very real in his life?

Have you sought to lead him into a closer fellowship with Christ?

Do you give the child experiences in the Word of God?

Is the Bible a living, useful Book to him?

Have you taught him to love and revere it?

Has he found that it can answer his questions and help him to solve life's problems?

Do you give the child experiences in prayer?

Is the Lord's Prayer the only prayer which he prays?

Is prayer a definite part of your class teaching?

Does your class know the meaning of prayer fellowship?

Does the child know the true meaning of prayer?

Do you give the child experiences in sharing?

Is the offering just a collection to him, or a part of worshipful giving?

Does he find joy in giving?

Is he taught how he can be a missionary himself?

—Selected



a greeting from the
board of parish education

LIFE IN HIM

What a wonderful slogan for our 1954-55 emphasis in Christian education as carried on in our parishes or churches! We rejoice that Christ came that we might have life in Him.

"Life in Him." That is the very **starting point** of all Christian nurture and training. Christian parents, who have brought their child to God in Holy Baptism, know this. That is the reason they take the small hands of their child, fold them, and pray his evening prayer with him. That is the reason they begin early to tell their child about Christ, Who is the Life, and of His love that planted this life within their child. That is the reason they take their child with them to Sunday school

at an early age, because they realize the need for the continued nurture and training of this Life of Christ in their child.

"Life in Him." That is the very basis or foundation of Christian Sunday school work from the nursery or the beginners class up through the most aged adult Bible class. That is the reason why a teacher willingly and gladly consents to teach his or her class in the Sunday school. Christian knowledge and experience causes the consecrated teachers to know the blessed reality of this Life in Him. From their own Christian experience comes the personal knowledge of the need for the nurture and training of this life through the Word. Out

of this need comes the willingness and the determination to teach, in order that the boys and girls, in whom this life is implanted, may also have this life nurtured and trained through the teaching of His Word in the Sunday school class from Sunday to Sunday.

"Life in Him." May that be the **blessed motive** back of our entire parish work in Christian education. May it be the source of Christian joy and strength in the life of all faithful Sunday school teachers and workers in our synod. That is the wish and prayer of the members of the Board of Parish Education as we think of our task for 1954 and 1955.

—S. S. Kaldahl, Chairman.

"The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest." —Luke 10:2.

CAN THERE BE any doubt as to the chief business of the Church today? Look at the facts about the Church in our country:

1. Nearly half of the people in the United States and Canada are outside the Church. More than one-fourth of the baptized members of the Church are children under confirmation age, whom we must lead to a conscious acknowledgement of Christ as Savior and to a personal commitment to Christ as Lord.

2. Almost one-third of the confirmed members of the Church are completely inactive.

NOW THINK of what Jesus said to the seventy: "The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2)

To those who were present at His ascension, He said, But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Our Chief Business

By Royal E. Leshor

With such opportunities on the doorstep of nearly every congregation, and such words of concern and direction from Jesus, there can be only one answer to the question: What is the chief task of the Church today? It is evangelism. Nothing less important dares take its place. It is the year-round task for the whole Church. To deepen, to reach out and to equip.

THE OPENING OF SCHOOL in September should be the signal to begin enlistment for the church school in preparation for rally day. The same is true of youth for the Luther Leagues. Bringing boys and girls into the church school and the Luther Leagues at the beginning of a new season of activity is important. It may involve the necessity of instruction and preparation of some visitors especially interested in these groups. Each home visited in the interest of children or the youth may result in a decision from the entire family to prepare for church membership.

Every Sunday a Family Sunday

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

By R. E. Morton

Does your Sunday school have an adult Bible class? Many do, and from those schools which provide the adults with such an opportunity comes the report that the effort and time expended are many times repaid.

In almost every Sunday school are to be found mothers and fathers too, who bring the children to Sunday school, but then have no place to spend the hour before the morning worship begins. Oh yes, there are the automobiles in which many a Sunday morning hour is wasted in idle or at least profitless talk and conversation. And what of the example that this conduct sets for the children in the school? Far more influential will the fathers and mothers be if they not only send, but bring, the children and then stay themselves for an adult Bible class.

An incident is recalled by the writer in which he, as a student, spent some time in a congregation. Every Sunday morning the church was filled during the Sunday school hour with almost as many people as at the morning worship. There was not one, but several, adult Bible classes. There was one for young married couples, one for older people, another for men and another for the women. And the dividends paid by this work were evident in the spiritual life of the congregation.

There is hardly a Sunday school which would lack for material for such an adult Bible class. It might require some active canvassing and persuasion to begin the project, but the gathering together of adults who would like to attend such a class is not impossible or overly difficult.

The greatest problem facing a Sunday school establishing an adult class is no doubt the matter of a teacher. The task of having sufficient teachers for the Sunday school itself is often difficult, to say nothing of an adult class. It therefore becomes necessary in some instances for the pastor to take the class, at least for the present, until some other older Christian, well versed in the Scriptures and apt to teach, is found. But almost every congregation has within its ranks some man or woman who could well assume the work of instructing in an adult class.

Living in an age in which literature is being read as never before, when men and women know more of what is transpiring about them in the world at large than ever before, it behooves the Christian church to provide an opportunity for instruction and guidance in the Word of God. Never before has there been such hopeless outlooks, dismal prospects as today. And men need the comfort of God's Word, its stabilizing and bracing guidance in the way of life. And an adult Bible Class, properly planned and conducted, prayerfully attended and taught, will prove a definite blessing in any church which possesses such an institution.

FAMILY SERVICE

By Adolph Kloth

Our Sunday morning Family Service at Valley Lutheran, in North Hollywood, grew out of a desire to do all possible to train our Sunday School children in a real church worship experience, something they were not getting by just attending Sunday School. The plan worked like this: Our Sunday School is divided into two groups. The Primary Department meets at 9:30 in separate session. At the same 9:30 hour all parents who desire, together with all the children from grade 2 and up, meet in the chapel for a 40 minute service which is followed by 30 minute class periods for all. The service is the usual Common Service; the sermon is a short 8 to 10 minute talk for children. We wish our readers could hear the children sing at that service! Junior and Intermediate choirs add their inspiration every Sunday. Several interesting "by-products" have resulted from this arrangement. As a result of it we have an adult Bible Class every Sunday with about 50 in attendance. Also many parents of our children have come into adult confirmation classes as a direct result of attending Family Service with their children.



Christ for the World

The world changes rapidly. Science changes living conditions.

... But the fundamental needs of man have not changed. Man still lives, sins and dies. Man still seeks the answer to anxious questions of his heart regarding God and eternity. Man's greatest need is the Savior. There man finds the answer. There is salvation in no other and no other name given among men whereby we may be saved, but that of Jesus Christ. Acts 4:12.

—Selected.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

Do you know someone who does not attend Sunday school?

Will you pray for someone who does not attend Sunday school?

Will you invite someone to come with you to Sunday school?

Have you brought someone with you to Sunday school?

Have you welcomed someone who now comes to your Sunday school?

Sunday School Evangelism

By Verner Carlsen

We in our synod have been somewhat afraid of the "Child Evangelism." We have stressed the Christ-nurture of the baptized child in the home and church. Have we neglected the unbaptized and un-churched children? Have we neglected the many little children of the Heavenly King that were once pre-baptized at the baptismal font, but whose spiritual lives were dying because of no nurture in home or church? Is to meet the spiritual need of this group of children the Board of Parish Education of our synod is promoting a Sunday School Evangelism program this fall in the Sunday Schools of our synod. This program was approved by the synodical convention at Audubon last year.

Our record for Sunday School Evangelism in the past has not been a particularly enviable one. The 1953 Yearbook showed an increase of 1941 pupils in the entire synod. However the increase in the Pacific District where we have the heaviest concentration of Home

Mission work, was 2,129 pupils. This indicates that in the other districts of the synod we actually lost ground.

The materials that have been supplied to all our Sunday Schools to carry on an Evangelism program in the Sunday Schools next October (or whatever time best fits in to the schedule of the local church) are to be used as aids in setting up the program. Its aim is not only to reach more children in the areas of our churches for Christ, but also to teach our children some valuable lessons in personal evangelism. If this program is "well prayed" and well planned it will result in blessings for our church.

During the month of October in our Sunday Schools let's TALK evangelism, let's TEACH evangelism, let's PRAY evangelism, let's PRACTICE evangelism. Let's think in terms of 20,000 children in our Sunday Schools going out in their neighborhoods, on their playgrounds, in their school rooms endeavoring to bring another child to Sunday School and to Jesus Christ.

WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

By Conrad M. Thompson

The Bible teaches that believers are "fellow workers with God," "witnesses unto Him," "ambassadors for Christ," "a royal priesthood." If we really believe the Bible, we understand that we belong to the "priesthood of all believers"; not just the pastor, but every single member must help to do the work of the congregation. The early Christians caught this spirit in Christ's Gospel.

When they accepted Him as their Lord and Savior, they immediately became workers for him. It wasn't easy for them to witness as it is for us in our day. They faced a hostile world. They were accused of religious bigotry. They encountered the pressure of social racism and unjust criticism by antagonistic political leaders. Yet within three centuries they won more than three million converts for Christ and His Church. They turned the world upside down and inside out. In His name, they tore the gates of the Roman Empire from their hinges.

They didn't do this tremendous task for God in beautiful church structures. Nor did they splash great headlines in the newspaper. They won people for the Kingdom of God through the very simple but effective method of pointing souls to the "Lamb of God who taketh away the sins of the world." And the reason for the great increase was: "But as many as received Him, to them gave He the right to become the children of God." Truly "they bore on their bodies the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ." They so lived their religion that all who knew them knew they had been with Jesus.

The Church of Jesus Christ, to be real and vital in our world today, must catch this same spirit of the Gospel. Its members dare not be just pew-sitters, refusing to take an active part in the work of the Church. They

must be Christ's mind, His voice, His hands, His feet, His life among men. As they do this they will enrich their lives. The deeper convictions of faith, the joys and satisfaction of Christ-like living will be theirs.

Doing the church's work, witnessing for Jesus Christ, is like having money in the bank. The more we put into the bank, the more interest we get. In God's work, the more we put into it, the more blessing we gain. A spirit-filled congregation is a busy congregation. It will not major in minors, but put Christ in the foreground. Its worship and prayer life will compel the members to become workers together with God, making a saving impact upon the world.

Countless opportunities are present in every congregation which challenge the interest and concern of every Christian. There are unbaptized children in every community. Hundreds are not hearing the Word of God. Many never have the privilege of kneeling at the altar to receive the Lord's Supper. Others never sing our Christian hymns and some have never heard about Jesus Christ. It is frightening to realize that the day will come when they will die and hell will be their eternal abode, because they never knew the forgiveness of sin. Think of it, dear friends, we may be responsible because we did not tell about Christ or because we have rested in our church instead of working. Let us allow God to stir up the gift within us in order that we might realize that the night is coming when no man can work. We can be the connecting link between some lost soul and Christ. Belonging to the "priesthood of believers," we are all to work together in this ministry of the Gospel of Christ.

LET US BE WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD.

This And That in Parish Education

By S. S. Kaldahl

Within our synod as of Jan. 1, 1954, there are 184 Sunday schools with a total enrollment of 20,273 pupils,—an increase of 1,619 over that of a year ago. This number of pupils is being taught by 2,542 teachers. During the summer of 1953 there were 163 Bible schools with a total enrollment of 10,188 pupils. Another figure of interest is the 5,072 children whose names appear on cradle rolls, which is one fourth of our total Sunday school enrollment. During the next one to three years this group of children will make quite an increase in the enrollment of our Sunday schools. Will we be ready for this increase with teachers and additional Sunday school facilities? May the Sunday school workers in our congregation realize the situation as it will present itself during the next few years and plan and work accordingly!

An Evangelism effort in and through our Sunday school to begin October 1st, or this fall was approved by resolution of the synod at the June convention in Audubon, Iowa.

Materials have been sent to each Sunday school of our synod explaining its purpose and how it is to be conducted. It is hoped that the superintendents and teachers will give the boys and girls of our church schools the opportunity as they receive the suggested training and guidance to become evangelists for their Master,—that they may be encouraged to share in the work of inviting and bringing in such children as are not attending any Sunday school.

Three different series of Sunday school materials have been approved and recommended for use in our Sunday schools. The first is the E.L.C. series. This comes in book form with a new book for each grade up through high school. It is not uniform. The second is the Christian Growth Series, which comes in quarterlies and is not uniform. It has a very fine course for the high school age group. The third and last to be approved is the new American Uniform Series. This comes in loose leaf quarterlies. It is the only series that offers a course for parents,

which is its commendable feature. The Lutheran Publishing House at Blair, Nebraska, will be happy to send explanatory and sample materials of these three series of Sunday school materials upon request from any of our Sunday schools.

The Intersynodical Committee of the Lutheran Boards of Parish Education is sponsoring a Seminar in Confirmation Instruction and Confirmation at De Koven Foundation, Racine, Wisconsin. The date is Aug. 24-27. Our church will be represented by Pastors Verner Carlsen, Council Bluffs, Iowa, Robert O. Bertelsen, Milwaukee, Wis., and S. S. Kaldahl, Oaks, Oklahoma. Pastor Kaldahl is to present a paper on the subject, "Enlisting and Developing Parental Support and Cooperation during Confirmation Instruction." He will also be in charge of the group which will study this subject and will at the close of the sessions present its findings to the entire seminar. Dr. C. C. Madsen of Blair together with Dr. Arthur Miller of St. Louis had the task of setting up the program and studies for this seminar. This is the first all-Lutheran Seminar of its kind in the history of Parish Education in our country.

The annual meeting of the Intersynodical Committee of the Lutheran Boards of Parish Education will this year meet in Philadelphia as guests of the U.L.C. board of parish education. The date is Oct. 26-28. Dr. C. C. Madsen of Blair, who is the secretary of this committee, will represent our board at this meeting.

The second Church Workers' Institute of our synod will be held at Trinity Seminary in Blair, Nebraska. The date is March 14-15, 1955. Parish workers of your congregation will also be invited to share in this institute, as well as all teachers, superintendents, and members of local boards of parish education. It is hoped that this institute will also be well at-

tended as was our first institute two years ago.

During the past two years from time to time one month's issues of *The Little Lutheran*, our synodical Sunday school paper, were given to each of the special missions of our synod. These special mission issues proved very profitable in presenting the cause of those missions to our church schools and were well received by the children and teachers alike of our schools. If our children are to have love for the work of missions, we know they must hear and learn about such. We hope this will be continued in our Sunday school paper from time to time. We also know that our editor, Mrs. K. M. Ludvigsen, has other plans of interest pertaining to *The Little Lutheran* in the near future.

Let us try to make effective use of *The Little Lutheran* in our Sunday schools.

We were happy a week ago to receive a subscription order for *The Little Lutheran* from the two year old St. Mark's Lutheran Sunday School at Storm Lake, Iowa. We were happy to note that the order provided for a personal subscription for each teacher which is to be sent directly by mail to this teacher that he might receive several days before Sunday in order to read it and study to learn of things of interest to the children. In such a manner the teacher is prepared in advance to call the attention of children to those things they should especially note. It is hoped that more of our Sunday schools will follow the example of St. Mark's Sunday School.

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In preparing this issue, your editor has drawn on numerous previously published articles of our pastors which we felt were particularly appropriate for our theme of evangelism built upon the basis and motivation of "Life in Him." —For every inspirational and helpful thought we thank you....

"THIS IS THE LIFE!"

By C. C. Madsen, D. D.

"This is the life!" shout the carefree youths as they speed over the highway in their "top-down" convertible with radiant faces tingling in the sun and wind.

"This is the life!" exclaims the serious student as he peers into his microscope and notes step by step the fascinating unfolding of a whole new world of discovery.

"This is the life!" chuckles the eager angler as he whips his fly into the white water of the churning stream, far from the noise of the city and the wearying grind of daily cares.

"This is the life!" breathe Mother and Dad in reverent gratitude as they glance at the bowed heads about the table in the holy hour of family prayer.

"This is the life!" sings the happy farmer as he surveys the rolling plain of his fruitful acres white under the harvest.

"This is the life!"—Haven't you had it too, maybe often, in golden

hours of thrilling joy or gratifying accomplishment? Just what is it that makes this abundance our Lord intended for all of us? For He says, you recall, that is why He came—"that they may have life, and have it abundantly." Is it pleasure? Discovery? Endurance? Satisfaction? Accomplishment? No, not just any one of these—nor merely all of these. But all of these and more.

Why not let Him tell us Himself? He does it as He speaks to His Father concerning us. Read it again in His prayer, John 17: "And this is eternal life, that they may know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." (verse 3)

"He who has the Son has life," says the Disciple Jesus loved, and "he who has not the Son has not life." So He bids us come to Him every day and on His day, the Lord's Day, in earnest, receptive spirits that we "may be filled with

all the fulness of God." (Ephesians 3:19b) To us as to Elijah of old, weary with the strain of service, speaks the angel sent from God, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for thee."

Why? For ourselves alone? The very first ones who worshipped the Lord Jesus should be good teachers. On the first night of His appearance on earth men came to worship Him; and they, the shepherds, "returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen." From every moment of worship in the presence of His restoring love He sends us forth: "Return to your house, and declare how much God has done for you." (Luke 8:39)

AS THOU DIDST SEND ME INTO THE WORLD, SO I HAVE SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD AND FOR THEIR SAKE I CONSECRATE MYSELF, THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE CONSECRATED IN TRUTH. —John 17:18, 19

—C. C. Madsen

NOBODY ASKED ME

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I hurried down the alley and hid behind the Standard Oil gas pump across from her church. The big doors were wide open, and kids I knew were coming from all over town. The girls had clean dresses and ribbons and the fellas were slicked up, too.

They looked different, somehow. But nobody saw me. So pretty soon the big gong in the tower clanged three times. Then I heard everybody singing. They sang, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." I've heard them tell about this Jesus who's a friend to all, but He must have been a funny one. When Pat gets mad, he always says that word,

but not the way Teacher does. Maybe if somebody had cared about him, he'd say it the way she does. Maybe he'd be like Mister Hugh.

Well, Jesus don't care about me, I guess. So I just walked out on this country road, 'cause nobody asked me to go to Sunday school.

—Lutheran Herald.

EDITORIALS AND COMMENTS

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for her to the League. Whether it will work or not time will tell.

Do Not Quit the Church Paper in Every Home Plan

It is natural that when the budget is increased by building debt and by synodical quota, that the congregations think they can help themselves by discontinuing the "Church Paper in Every Home Plan." They might save a few hundred dollars that way. We believe they are wrong in this view.

The fact is that the very interested members will subscribe to **The Ansgar Lutheran** anyway. The members that don't come as often to church and that don't give as much, are the very ones that need the paper. Some-

times **The Ansgar Lutheran** is the only weekly reminder that they belong to the church.

Let us illustrate: Here is a church with 200 homes. 100 of these homes would take **The Ansgar Lutheran** and pay \$3.00 per subscription. That means that \$300 goes out of that congregation for the paper. 100 homes will not take it. But on the Church Paper in Every Home Plan 200 homes get the paper for \$400 a year, whereas only 100 by individual subscription get it for \$300 a year. For an extra \$100 the reading public is doubled and those that need the paper most get it.

These \$100 are well spent both for the local congregation and the synodical work. This sum will be more than paid back in gifts to the congregation and the synod.

THE LUTHER LEAGUE

Homer Larsen, Editor

Judd to Speak at Dana Homecoming

Speaker at the banquet during the annual Homecoming weekend at Dana College Friday through Sunday, Oct. 22-24, will be Rep. Walter H. Judd, of Minnesota's fifth Congressional district, the Homecoming committee announces. Homecoming festivities will begin Friday evening with the freshman talent show and the coronation of the queen and will conclude with the Sunday morning worship service.

A special invitation has been extended all graduates of the college years 1944-45, 1934-35, 1924-25, 1914-15 and 1904-05 to attend Homecoming this year. Class reunions are slated for them. This is the first time that such an attempt has been made to bring back on campus a whole class during Homecoming, and it is planned to make such a reunion of graduates of 10-year intervals a regular part of each succeeding Homecoming.

A kaffebord, business meeting, luncheon, class reunions and a get-together have been planned by the committee for the alumni attending the annual Homecoming.

A native of Rising City, Neb., Rep. Judd will speak to alumni, students, parents and friends at the annual banquet Saturday evening following the football game in the afternoon. Presiding as toastmaster at the banquet will be Robert Hogzett, a graduate of 1942 and an Iowa attorney.

Now serving his sixth consecutive two-year term in the House of Representatives, Rep. Judd will be seeking his seventh term in the fall elections. He is a nationally recognized authority on United States foreign policy and is a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, which has shaped the country's foreign relief, recovery, rearmament and development programs. He is also chairman of the subcommittee on the Far East and the Pacific and is a member of the Committee on Government Operations charged with continuing review of all expenditures.

During the presidential election campaign of 1952, he was called upon by President Eisenhower to help map the Republican Party's program on foreign affairs and is now a close advisor to the President and the Department of State on foreign policy with special emphasis on the

country's policy in the Far East.

After graduating from high school in Rising City, Rep. Judd worked his way through the University of Nebraska and medical school.

He served as a private in the Army during the first World War and was discharged as a Lieutenant in the field artillery.

Rep. Judd has served as a medical missionary of the Congregational Church in China on two different occasions. In 1925-26 he went as a medical missionary to South China, being forced by repeated malarial attacks to return to the United States. He returned in 1934, this time to North China, where for four

years he was superintendent of a 125-bed hospital, part of this time under control of the invading Japanese armies.

When Japan's armies moved into this area, he saw things which made him feel it imperative that the United States stop building up the Japanese war machine. He returned to this country in 1938 to carry that message to more than 1400 audiences in 46 states in two years.

January, 1941, he took up his medical practice in Minneapolis after which in 1942 he was elected to Congress from the Minnesota fifth Congressional district.

TREASURER'S REPORT

August 1, 1954

DISTRICT	1953-54 fiscal year	Received in arrears to Aug. 1	Total
Atlantic	\$ 30.42	\$ 119.00	\$ 149.42
East Canada	388.64	00.00	388.64
Illinois	53.52	104.68	158.20
Iowa	838.61	295.07	1133.68
Minnesota	122.30	429.78	552.08
Nebraska	252.87	43.97	296.84
North Dakota-Montana	100.00	00.00	100.00
Pacific	215.39	150.00	365.39
West Canada	00.00	00.00	00.00
Wisconsin	250.00	347.68	597.68
Total	\$2251.75	\$1490.18	\$3741.93

Balance on hand March 31, 1954\$ 535.69

Received March 31 to August 1, 1954 1490.18

2025.87

Less expenditures to August 1, 1954 780.33

Balance on hand August 1, 1954\$1245.54

Treasurer's Note:

Because many districts did not realize that the books closed March 31, a sizeable sum was received in arrears. To give a more accurate picture of what the leagues did, the late receipts have been added to those received during the fiscal year.

This is an accurate report. If any District treasurer notes any discrepancy in comparing his books, he is asked to notify the treasurer immediately. However, it may be noted that a district has contributed more than the district treasurer sent to the synodical treasurer. This is because a few leagues still send contributions directly to the synodical treasurer.

Our only mission obligation is Japan—\$2,000.00 plus the current expenses of Youth Office and Salaries of Youth Director, and The Ansgar Lutheran editor plus some traveling expense.

Stan Hansen, Treasurer.

Dana and Trinity Open New Year

Dana College begins its 56th year September 7 when the new freshman class meets to take its first entrance examinations. Registration is scheduled for September 8 and 9, and classes get under way September 10.

The opening convocation for Dana College and Trinity Seminary will be held Sunday evening, September 12. On the following day the seminary opens its 69th year with registration in the morning. Bishop H. Hoffmeyer of the Church of Denmark, will address the students and faculty Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning, September 13 and 14. He will also deliver the sermon at a special service at First Lutheran Church, Blair, Monday evening, September 13.

Enrollment prospects for the college as of mid-August indicate an

increase in the freshman class. Eighteen men, six in each class, are expected to enroll in the seminary.

Homecoming October 22-24

The 1954 Homecoming dates have been set for October 22-24. Dana plays Tarkio College Saturday afternoon. At the traditional Homecoming Banquet Saturday evening, Dr. Walter Judd, Congressman, Physician and Missionary, will deliver the address. Mr. Bob Hogzett, '42, Oakland, Iowa, will be the toast master. The third annual Alumni Luncheon will be held at noon on Saturday, October 23.

Faculty Notes

Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Swansen have visited Europe this summer. Miss McCullough has conducted two educational credit tours, the first in Nebraska and the second in Europe. Miss Skinkle was a member of Miss

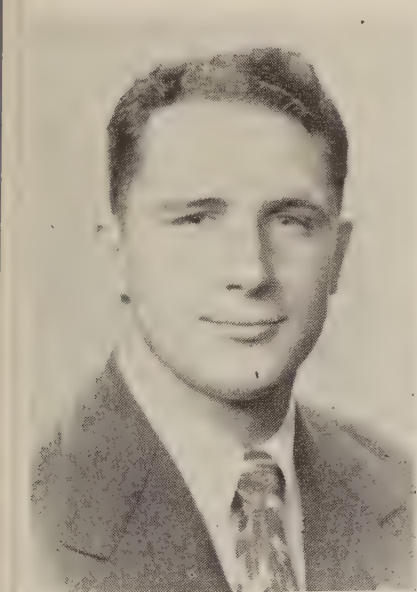
McCullough's group which toured Europe.

A number of staff members have spent the summer in graduate study. Among them are Mr. Bansen at the University of California, Mr. Ferguson and Mr. Cloyd at the University of Nebraska, Dr. Mengers at Boston University and Miss McCullough at the University of Omaha.

Other faculty members have taught in the Dana summer session. Some have spent the summer months in independent study and research or have been engaged in various kinds of employment. Several staff members worked as Admissions Counselors among high school seniors.

Dr. C. C. Madsen has been promoted to the rank of full Commander in the United States Naval Reserve. Dr. Madsen was a Chaplain in World War II before joining the staff at Dana and Trinity in 1946.

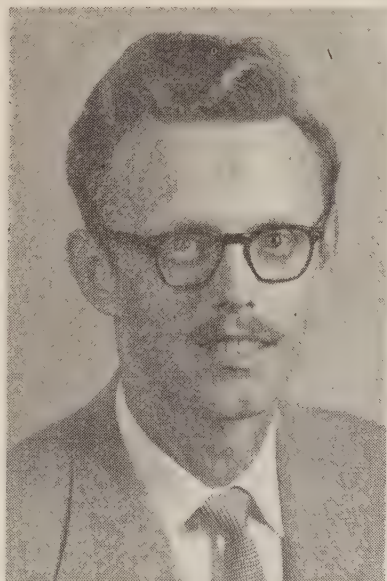
New College Staff Members



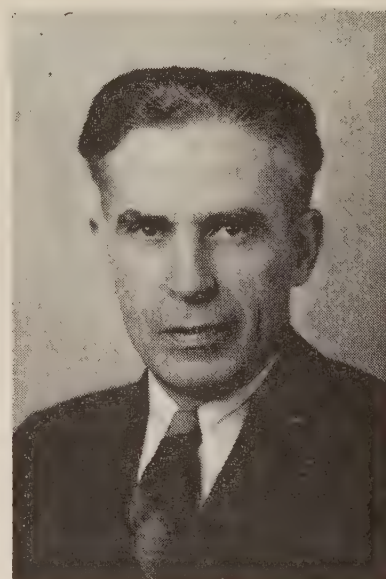
E. Wayne Armer

Dana's new football and track coach is Mr. E. Wayne Armer who will also serve as instructor in Physical Education. Mr. Armer is a graduate of Michigan State where he played football under Clarence "Biggie" Munn, and of the University of Illinois where he obtained his master's degree in physical education. Last year Mr. Armer was coach at Technical high school, Omaha. The Armers have two boys. They are members of First Lutheran Church, Omaha.

Mr. Jack F. Bensen, Gainesville, Florida, will be assistant professor of Speech at Dana and also Dean of Men. Mr. Bensen is a graduate of Miami University, Florida, of West Virginia University and has now completed all residence requirements for the Ph. D. at the University of Florida. Mr. Bensen has had several years of teaching experience in the field of forensics. The Bensens have two children and are also members of the Lutheran church.



Jack F. Bensen



Victor J. Wiric

Mr. Victor J. Wiric of Minneapolis will take Mr. A. J. Snowbeck's place as assistant professor of Business Administration and Economics. Mr. Wiric is a graduate of the University of Kentucky where he received both his bachelor's and master's degree. He has taught in mid-western colleges since 1946. Mr. and Mrs. Wiric are members of the Presbyterian church. Mr. Snowbeck devotes full time to his new position as Business Manager.

BY THE FIRESIDE

JUST USE ME

I am the Bible.
I am God's wonderful library.
I make known to all Him who is the Truth.
To the weary pilgrim, I am a good, strong staff.
To the one who sits in black gloom, I am glorious light.
To those who stoop beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.
To Him who has lost his way, I am a safe guide.

To those who have been hurt by sin, I am healing balm.
To the discouraged, I whisper a glad message of hope.
To those who are distressed by the storms of life, I am an anchor, sure and steadfast.
To those who suffer in lonely solitude, I am as a cool, soft hand resting on a fevered brow.
Oh, child of man, to best defend me, just use me.

A Litany (for any political party.)

From partisanship that sets votes above truth,
From loud, swelling words that mean nothing,
From vicious appeals to prejudice and hatred,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From every form of whipping up hysteria,
From the reckless assassination of character,
From dark betrayals of civil liberties,

Good Lord, deliver us,

From swelling avowals of devotion to "the people" while selling them down the river,
From the political "realism" that covenants with crooks and gangsters,
From frenzy for victory even at the risk of endangering the world's peace,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Amen!

—From *Christian Century* by Simeon Stylites.

FAITH'S FIRM ROAD

By Ernest O. Sellers

How firm is the road we follow,
How strong its base and hill;
How sure each step and safe the way,
If we obey his will.
How far it stretches out beyond
Dreams of youth, hopes of age;
No fear have they who fully trust
And in his ways engage.
Follow his truth sifted from lies,
Find peace mid changing scenes;
His strong right hand will safely lead
To where heaven's glory gleams.

"Who has done the most to rouse the working classes?" inquired the union organizer. Came the reply, "The inventor of the alarm clock."

SHE ASKED FOR IT

The Catechism class of five-year-olds had been told the story of Moses. The teacher continued dramatically, "whom do you suppose the Egyptian Princess found to take care of the little boy found in the bulrushes?" The answer came without hesitation from one small child: "a baby sitter."

A NEW DEVIL

The Methodists in one locality in Ireland had arranged a revival week, and had advertised it so extensively that many came to the meetings, inasmuch that the Roman Catholic priest felt it his duty to warn his flock to keep away, telling them roundly that the revival was the work of the devil.

He was met in the street later by a peasant-boy who asked him whether he really meant that the revival was the work of the devil. "Of course it is," said the priest.

"Och, thin, yer riverence," replied the boy, "there must be a new divvle, for that's not the way the ould divvle used to make people behave themselves!"

CLIMBING MOUNTAINS

We took a rest from man's routine,
From man's mechanical clock-timed day;
And started up a mountain side,
Up, up to the peak;
Up, where God's majestic greatness
Drums loudly in one's soul.

Words, words do not describe
The scenes that passed our climbing feet;
Scenes of cliffs, steep rugged slabs
Of rock,
Now jutting skyward in a harmony
Of lines.

Down, down below, aspen trees
Were whispering out Fall color schemes.

Bright morning blew its clouds—
Steam mists with spring-like finger
Clasping 'round the highest peaks

And up—high up—mountain lakes
nestled
'Neath the snow-bibbed mountain peaks.

Here, here we said was Beauty;
Perfection yet unspoiled by man's
rude hands.

Here was God; still, patient God;
God in matchless glory,
Flooding earth with endless love.

—M. A. S.

LUTHERAN FACTS

Here are a few Lutheran "firsts" that are possibly unknown to many of our readers:

The first clergyman ordained in America was a Lutheran.

The first Protestant pastor buried on American soil was a Danish Lutheran.

The first Protestant missionary to the Indians was a Lutheran.

The first book translated for the Indians was Luther's small catechism.

The first American flag was unfurled by a Lutheran general.

The first American naval flag was made by a group of Lutheran women.

The first Protestant hospital in America was built by Lutherans.

The first president of the Congress of the United States was a Lutheran—

KILL THE SPIDER

An old deacon who used to pray every Wednesday night at prayer meeting always concluded his prayer the same way: "And, Lord, clean all the cobwebs out of my life." I think you know what he was talking about. The cobwebs—those things that ought not to have been there but had gathered during the week. Well, it got too much for one fellow in the prayer meeting, and he heard the old deacon one time too often. So when the old man made that prayer, the fellow jumped up to his feet and shouted, "Lord, Lord, don't do it! Don't do it! Kill the spider!"

—Gospel Herald

FISHERMEN WANTED!

By F. L. Strobel

Shrewd summer resort keepers have a cunning way in luring the vacationist fisherman to their fish-teeming streams. The exaggerated pictures of the big ones caught in their nearby waters is live bait on which the fisherman bites. Many an anxious angler has dropped his line into these highly advertised streams and lakes, with their costly surroundings, without landing anything but a water-soaked shoe or tree limb. Common sense teaches us we cannot fish for whales in mud-puddles.

The greatest catches in life do not come that way. The mosquito's bite, the uneven, muddy river path, the thick underbrush, the wind and the waves all have their way with the determination of the fisherman. Brook trout are generally caught in crystal-clear mountain streams. To catch these a man must climb. One who wants grey trout dare not be water-shy. To take these a man must troll from a small boat and take the chances of an upset. The choicer the fish the greater the energy and exertion to take them.

Thousands of men throughout our country are now grooming their reels and lines for the fishing season. Their pet spoons and flies are flashed in the eyes of their friends with the words, "Watch me get them this summer." That reminds me of the preacher who wrote me that he was going to pay me a visit and catch some of the big ones. I was then preaching in Ontario in the heart of a fisherman's paradise. Soon thereafter he, a ten-year-old lad, and I were out on one of these lakes near my home. My guest angler had a fishing tackle, as I well remember, valued at \$150. This he kept in a fine steel box. The sweat ran from his brow as he tried this plug, then that; this fly, then that. Every bit of his equipment was well tested and tried. After five hours of fishing, his costly outfit had not netted a single fish. The lad, however, with nothing but a ten-cent troll, which he used very skillfully, when evening came, had landed three fine black bass and two large pike.

This illustration seems to find fitting application in our work in the Christian church today. A preacher does not need a \$100,000 church plant, a robed choir, a trim cutaway frock coat to do effective work as Christ's fisherman. These all can be assets in his hands, but they can also become millstones about his neck. A man does not need the Queen Mary or the Bremen to fish from. He would need a very long line to reach the fish if he did. And I believe the church has often been criticized for this long-lined method of Christian fishing. Any seaworthy, Christ-planned craft of life will do. Rather a small boat laden with live fish for the Master



than a palatial ocean liner with a tin of sardines in its hull.

We today often classify fishing as a pastime or amusement. In the Holy Land it constituted a chief source of food. Peter, Andrew, James, and John, Jesus' disciples, were fishermen. Their lives depended upon the fish they caught. They took their fishing seriously. How lightly has the church taken its occupation of fishing? Are we out chiefly for an amusing time, a quiet hour, a period of rest? Cushioned pews, charming music, convictionless and conscienceless attitudes can rock a fisherman to sleep if he does not stand his guard.

Jesus approached these sun-tanned toilers of the deep. "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men," he said. Men have fished for many things, wealth, prestige, and an abundance of things which when they landed them never satisfied their desires. Passion for things detrimental to human life is exceedingly hard to overcome. These men were to be fishers of men. They were to bring their live catch to Jesus. Evangelists, preachers, teachers, Sunday school workers, all these and a host of others have learned the technique of Jesus' way of fishing.

Even after Jesus had called these fishermen of Galilee into his service there were periods in their lives when they "toiled all night and took nothing." Again and again the words, "Launch out into the deep," must have reached the range of their Christian hearing. Greater sacrifices, keener efforts, concentrated and consecrated ambitions always have brought encouraging results: the boats are filled; fish are taken.

We cannot deny it, before the eyes of the true Christian there never appears the sign "No Fishing Allowed," But, "Come, and I will make you fishers of men."

My home is close by the Kaskaskia River. I have lived here nearly two years. Men with rods and reels returning homeward after the catch question me, "Parson, are you going fishing?" Till this present moment I have not gone fishing. But I intend to go. Still there is another type of fishing that should take all the energies of a devoted Christian. With God's help and Christ's presence in the ensuing year I am planning to do some "real" fishing.

—Watchman-Examiner.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

	Total Received	Chil- dren's Homes	School Fund	General Fund	Home Mission	Indian Mission	Utah Mission	Pen sion Fund
Total synodical budget \$256,668.60		14750.10	83300.00	25000.00	58616.50	7550.00	1542.00	65880.00
Previously acknowledged	20799.05	1735.91	8343.85	2277.83	4258.55	1252.36	268.09	2662.00
Clifton, Ill., Zion Ev. Luth. Sunday school, balance from contents of Lenten Banks	30.00		30.00					
Luck, Wis., United Engl. Luth. Church	101.74				101.74			
Luck, Wis., Willing Workers in memory of Rev. C. C. Mengers, Fred Mickelsen and Frank Hutton	6.00				6.00			
Sleepy Eye, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Hans Knudsen of Trinity Church	10.00				10.00			
Easton, Calif., Miss Emma D. Bertelsen in memory of Leonhard Petersen	3.00				3.00			
Selma, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Christ Andersen in memory of Rev. C. C. Mengers	10.00							10.00
West Canada District, refund of part of 1953-1954 synod subsidy	633.34				633.34			
Des Moines, Ia., Miss Hilda Jorgensen of Highland Park Luth. Church, for Elim Home, Elk Horn	20.00	20.00						
West Branch, Ia., Bethany Luth. Church in memory of Martin Christensen	5.00				5.00			
Racine, Wis., Danish Sewing Circle of Our Savior's Luth. Church in memory of little Louise Johnson	8.50	8.50						
Indian Mission refund	10.22					10.22		
Milwaukee, Wis., The Busy Bees in memory of Mrs. Ida Bengsten	2.00					2.00		
Sleepy Eye, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Glen Schultz in memory of Aunt Emma L. Hansen, Underwood, Ia.	2.00							2.00
Ferndale, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. Sunday School	40.50	40.50						
Westbrook, Me., Trinity Luth. Church	300.00		100.00	100.00	100.00			
Webster Groves, Mo., Mr. and Mrs. P. O. Howe and Mrs. A. L. Anderson in memory of Pastor and Mrs. C. C. Mengers	10.00				10.00			
Fresno, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Petersen in memory of Leonard Petersen, Easton, Calif.	3.00				3.00			
West Branch, Ia., Bethany Luth. Mission Society, \$5 in memory of Mrs. N. P. Madsen and \$5 in memory of Martin Christensen	10.00				10.00			
Luverne, N. D., Luverne Luth. Church in memory of Mrs. A. Shjokvist	2.00				2.00			
TOTAL	22006.35	1804.91	8473.85	2377.83	5142.63	1264.58	268.09	2674.00

SPECIAL MISSIONS

	Total Received	Japan Mission	South Amer. Mission	Santal Mission	Sudan Mission	Jewish Mission	China Mission	L.W.A. Mission	Gen. Fo- reign Mission
Budget for 1954-1955		16000.00	15500.00	10000.00	15000.00			36720.00	
Previously acknowledged	37920.74	3418.03	1898.53	3209.12	4868.84	216.44	29.47	24045.31	235.00
Eugene, Ore., a group of ladies of Emmaus Luth. Church, offering at meeting by M. Tudu	25.25			25.25					
Kenosha, Wis., the W.M.S. of St. Mary Luth. Church \$43.20 for salary of Mr. Bswas and \$25 for a hospital attendant in the Sudan Mission	68.20			43.20	25.00				
Luck, Wis., United Engl. Luth. Sunday School \$101.89, Mr. and Mrs. Wille Hansen \$5	106.89							106.89	
Luck, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. Wille Hansen in memory of Mrs. Skow Nielsen	1.00							1.00	
Sleepy Eye, Minn., Trinity Luth. Church	3.80			3.80					
Denver, Colo., First Bethany Ev. Luth. Church	173.65							173.65	
Denver, Colo., Miss Edna H. Bondo, an offering	10.00							10.00	
Rockfield, S. D., St. Paul's Luth. Church	65.50	65.50							
Luck, Wis., Sunday school of United Engl. Luth. Church	25.82		25.82						
Easton, Calif., Immanuel Missionary Society	47.87			47.87					
Beresford, S. D., Nazareth Luth. Church	76.61	76.61							
Hussar, Alberta, Can., Daily Vacation Bible School	2.92				2.92				
Fresno, Calif., Carol Wick	10.00							10.00	
Des Moines, Ia., Miss Hilda Jorgensen of Highland Park Church	20.00	20.00							
Staplehurst, Nebr., Our Savior's Luth. Church	14.25				14.25				
Oakland, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. Sunday school toward support of the orphan "Dali"	40.00				40.00				
Ringsted, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church	38.61	38.61							
Brooklyn, Wis., Luth. Daily Vacation Bible School	39.81	9.96	9.95	9.95	9.95				
Shelby, Ia., United Ev. Luth. Church	50.63	50.63							
Sidney, Mont., Martin H. Iversen in memory of Mrs. Chris P. Sorensen	10.00					10.00			
Sidney, Mich., Miss Joan Lavery	20.00	5.00	5.00		5.00		5.00		
Racine, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jensen	20.00	10.00	10.00						
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Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. Sunday School	12.52	12.52							
Fremont Bluffs, Nebr., Ladies Aid of Trinity Luth. Church for the new church at Bogota, Colombia, to be used where needed	17.50		17.50						
Storm Lake, Ia., St. Mark's Luth. Church	42.64	42.64							
Kimballton, Ia., Bethany Ladies Aid	25.00	25.00							
Audubon, Ia., Eben-Ezer Luth. Church	109.75							109.75	
Norwalk, Calif., Trinity Luth. Church	74.90							74.90	
Ferndale, Calif., George and Elise Christiansen in memory of Axel Quist	5.00	5.00							
Ferndale, Calif., Elise Petersen	25.00	4.00	7.00	7.00	7.00				
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Cedar Falls, Ia., Nazareth Churchwomen of Ia. District W.M.S.	40.00	40.00							
Des Moines, Ia., Highland Park Luth. W.M.S.	69.23	39.23		15.00	15.00				
Denver, Colo., First Bethany Luth. Church W.M.S. Nebr. Distr.	25.00				25.00				
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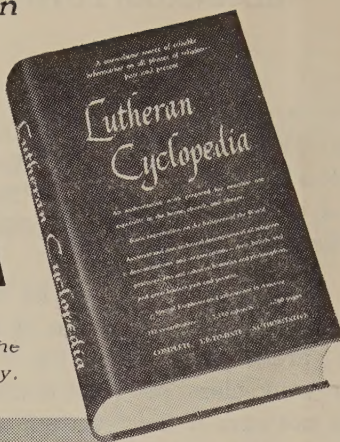
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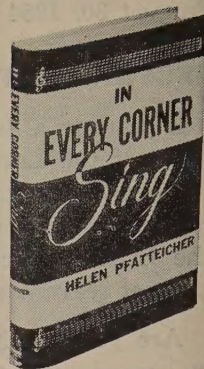
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